

HONORS ARE GIVEN TO HOLLINS GIRLS

Interesting Exercises Extending Through the Week Mark Close of Session.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
HOLLINS, VA., June 3.—The commencement exercises at Hollins began with the senior reception, which was followed by the burning in effigy out on the campus, under the starlight, by the seniors, of the "awful" text-books which had given them so very much trouble these many months and years. With songs and college yells the books were burned.

The next function in the round of the "finals" was the entertainment given by the elocution department. "Much Ado About Nothing" was presented before a packed house, the following young ladies making the cast: Misses Stella Crowell, Grace Mitchell, Mabel Woolford, Olive Butts, Dora Campbell, Eudora Ramsay, Louise Stearnes, Jessie Miller, Hallie Moore, Ruth Simpson, Reivette Miller, Marguerite Erhman, Helen Steiner, Willa Reiner, Virginia Gilchrist, Henrietta Taylor.

Sunday night the baccalaureate sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Clagett Skinner, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va. His text was Phil. III. 13: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." The speaker announced as his theme "Yesterday and To-Morrow." Mr. Skinner is a man of commanding presence, pleasant voice and graceful manner, and his words are well chosen and his sentences striking. His sermon was listened to with great interest, pleasure and profit.

Class Day and Societies.

Monday morning came the class day exercises, which were held under the trees near the sulphur spring—a most ideal spot for such a scene; indeed, Ben Great is reported to have said that this was the most beautiful place for out-of-doors theatricals he had seen in America. There are only four who take the A. B. degree this year, namely, Miss Clara Ellen Forbes, Montgomery, Ala.; Miss Mary Owen Barksdale, Halifax county, Va.; Miss F. Catharine Bryan, Shanghai, China; Miss Lola Crump, Richmond, Va. The class history was read by Miss Barksdale, the class prophecy by Miss Crump and the class poem by Miss Bryan. The class poem, which was entitled "At Parting," was very clever.

Monday night the Euclean and Euclean Literary Societies held their final meeting. The salutatory was made by Miss Sophie Tillman, of South Carolina, and the valedictory by Miss May Stone, of Pittsylvania county, Va. The other young ladies who had a place on the program were Miss Elizabeth Darlington, Washington, D. C.; Miss Francis Longan, Sedatin, Mo.; Miss Ellen Llan Molton, Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Gertrude Johnstone, Montgomery, Ala.; Miss Mabel Woolford, Cambridge, Md.; Miss Ruby Rae Smith, Lynchburg, Va.

After these exercises in the chapel came the alumnae banquet. Those present at the banquet were the faculty, the graduating class of 1908, and the visiting alumnae. The company sat down to tables arranged in the shape of the letter H, and beautifully decorated with flowers. After an excellent menu had been discussed, Mrs. Thomas P. Bagby, of West Point, Va., the president of the Alumnae Association, acting as toastmistress: a number of speeches were made. All of these speeches were made by Mr. Lucien H. Coker, who were by ladies, those by Miss Brenttitt of Richmond, and Miss Mary Stone, of Pittsylvania county, Va., being especially happy. As the hands of the clock pointed to midnight "Auld Lang Syne" was sung, and this pleasant function was at an end.

Wise Talks by the Office Boy



Politeness is an investment that is often overlooked, but it yields big dividends. If you ever get mistreated in Fisher's store, the old man would consider it a favor if you would tell him about it. There's two things he won't stand for, misrepresentation and discourtesy. The young salesman you encounter in some stores act as though they expect customers to chloroform them while they pick out their own goods. No salesman here has any occasion to lose his wits or his self-respect. No matter what he offers a customer he can look him squarely in the eye and tell him the truth, and then know he is giving that customer full value for his money. Our prices for strictly high-class goods are as low as cheap imitations are sold and far cheaper than the same class of merchandise is sold everywhere. Having an immense output, we buy as jobbers, import all our own hosiery, handkerchiefs, underwear, etc., so are in a position to make good any claim we make. If people only knew how good and cheap are goods really are, we would have to establish branch towns all over town.

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Cornerstone is Laid.

Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock the cornerstone of the new Charles L. Coker Memorial Library Building was laid with Masonic ceremonies. A brief address was made by the Rev. T. Clagett Skinner, of Roanoke. A large crowd of people was present on this very interesting and important occasion. Soon after the death of Dr. Coker, some seven years ago, a memorial association was organized with the purpose of erecting at this place some suitable memorial of the man who made Hollins what it is, who was a leader and pioneer in the cause of education, and who has been aptly called "Virginia's greatest Baptist layman." This memorial association has been at work unceasingly, patiently, earnestly during these seven years, having the hearty co-operation of the Alumnae Association. Contributions have come from former students of

GRADUATES AT HOLLINS



MISS CLARA ELLEN FORBES,
Montgomery, Ala.
MISS MARY OWEN BARKSDALE,
Halifax county, Va.

MISS F. CATHARINE BRYAN,
Shanghai, China
MISS LOLA CRUMP,
Richmond, Va.

Hollins scattered far and wide. The president of the memorial association is Miss Marian S. Bayne, and to her, perhaps more than any one else, is due the success which has at last been attained.

She has been untiring in her efforts for this object, which was so dear to her heart, and she deserves all praise for her self-sacrificing work for the cause of education and for honoring the memory of her beloved teacher. The new library building, which stands opposite the main building, stands completing the college quadrangle, is to cost some \$14,000, the money being provided in part by the memorial association, and in part by the corporation of Hollins Institute. The furnishing of the building will demand a yet further outlay, and the memorial association has not yet relaxed its efforts, and many alumnae who up to this time have not given will probably now give when they see that the great undertaking is an assured success. The new library, which is of brick, with stone trimmings, and which is to have a portico, with large columns, promises to be the handsomest and most imposing edifice on the college campus. The society halls, gymnasium, and many alumnae who up to have a place in this building. Jones & Adams, of Lynchburg, are the contractors, and unless the summer should be very rainy, they expect to complete their work before the next session opens. Last night the annual concert

took place, and was attended by a great crowd, many coming in automobiles and carriages from Roanoke city and the surrounding country.

Commencement Exercises.

This morning the commencement exercises proper took place in the chapel. After diplomas for graduation in the several schools had been given out the "academic certificates" were awarded to the following young ladies: Miss Ruby Rae Smith, Lynchburg, Va.; Miss Helen Steiner, Montgomery, Ala.; Miss Mary Stone, Pittsylvania county, Va.; Miss May Camp, Franklin, Va.; Miss Elizabeth Darlington, Washington, D. C.; Miss Terrie Trux, Lackland, Alabama; Miss Carrie Pool, South Carolina; Miss Mary Pressly Smith, Louisville, Ky.; The A. B. diplomas were won by Miss Mary Owen Barksdale, Halifax county, Va.; Miss Lola Crump, Richmond, Va.; Miss F. Catharine Bryan, Shanghai, China; Miss Clara Ellen Forbes, Montgomery, Ala.

Hollins gives only one medal, nor is this given unless the required standard is reached. This year this medal, the scholarship medal, was won by Miss Mary Owen Barksdale, a daughter of Judge Barksdale, of Halifax county, Va. The literary address was delivered by Dr. F. H. Smith, of the University of Virginia. Dr. Smith is a most delightful and attractive speaker and his address this morning charmed and inspired his audience.

The graduates in art this year are Miss Phoebe Hunter, of Mont Clare,

Pa., and Miss Marcia Field, of Kansas City, Mo. The drawings made by these young ladies were submitted to Mr. Kenyon Cox, of New York, and approved by him. This entitles these young ladies to graduation here and to enter the fourth year of work under Mr. Cox in New York.

The students left in large numbers this afternoon. To-night a special from Hollins carried quite a party of girls to their homes in the far South and Southwest.

Fredericksburg College.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., June 3.—The final exercises of Fredericksburg College came to a close to-day. Last night a celebration of the societies was held, Mr. Drury L. Jones presiding. An oration was delivered by J. Harvey Visser, recitation by Miss Marie Barnes, and a declamation by W. T. Hansell. In addition there were musical numbers. To-day a long list of distinctions was announced, diplomas awarded and medals delivered.

The contract for the new school building in this city has been awarded to E. G. Hefflin, at a contract price of \$35,545.

Episcopal High School.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 3.—The seventeenth annual commencement exercises of the Episcopal High School of Virginia will be held at that institution June 17th and 18th next.

Death of Dr. Hunt.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
OXFORD, N. C., June 3.—Dr. J. G. Hunt died last night, after a lingering illness of several months, and will be buried here Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Dr. Hunt was a very prominent business man, and was much beloved here and, indeed, all over the State.

Graduates of Raleigh High School

RALEIGH, N. C., June 3.—The High School department of the Raleigh public schools has just awarded diplomas to the first graduating class in its history, the department having only been inaugurated two years ago. The graduation was under difficulties, in view of the fact that the loss of funds through the voting out of the Raleigh dispensary and other complications in the city revenues necessitated the closing of the entire system of schools a little more than a month ago, so that it was necessary for funds to be raised by private donations and the payment of tuition by some of the patrons to run the High School department on for the remaining month of the scheduled term, so that the sixteen bright boys and girls might complete the prescribed course and obtain the diplomas for which they had striven so zealously.

The graduates are George Bagwell, Enos Blair, Minnie Broughton, Needham Broughton, Irma Deaton, Jack Harris, Ina Jones, Ira Jordan, Bessie King, Luis Parker, Virginia Newsom, Virginia Lickel, Sue Thacker, Arthur Taylor, Marx Chamberlain and Josephine Tonnofski.

NORTH CAROLINA MERCHANTS.

Annual Convention of the Retail Association Now in Session.
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CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 3.—The sixth annual convention of the North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association

was called to order in the assembly room of the Hotel Selwyn this morning by President N. L. Cranford, of Winston-Salem. Addresses of welcome were delivered on behalf of the city by Mayor Franklin and on behalf of the Greater Charlotte Club by President E. R. Preston. Responses for the merchants were made by President J. N. McAusland, of the local association, and Zeb F. Curtis, of Asheville.

Following the transaction of considerable routine business, John A. Greene, secretary of the National Association of Retail Merchants, delivered an address on "The Past, Present and Future of the National Association." Following the reading of the president's annual report, the association adjourned until to-morrow morning. The annual banquet will be held to-morrow night.

Manoeuvres a Great Success.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., June 3.—Reports from Fort Caswell are to the effect that the manoeuvres at this fine army post, at the mouth of the Cape Fear River and near this city, are proving a big success. The companies of the North Carolina National Guard taking part in the manoeuvres went to the barracks in fine shape and are being put through the various manoeuvres in strict military style and under the direction of the able commander at the post. The "regulars" stationed at the fort are taking part with the Guard in the manoeuvres, and are enjoying the event hugely.

For Breakfast Lunch or Dessert

The Rose may blossom for England,

The Lily for France unfold,

Ireland honors the Shamrock,

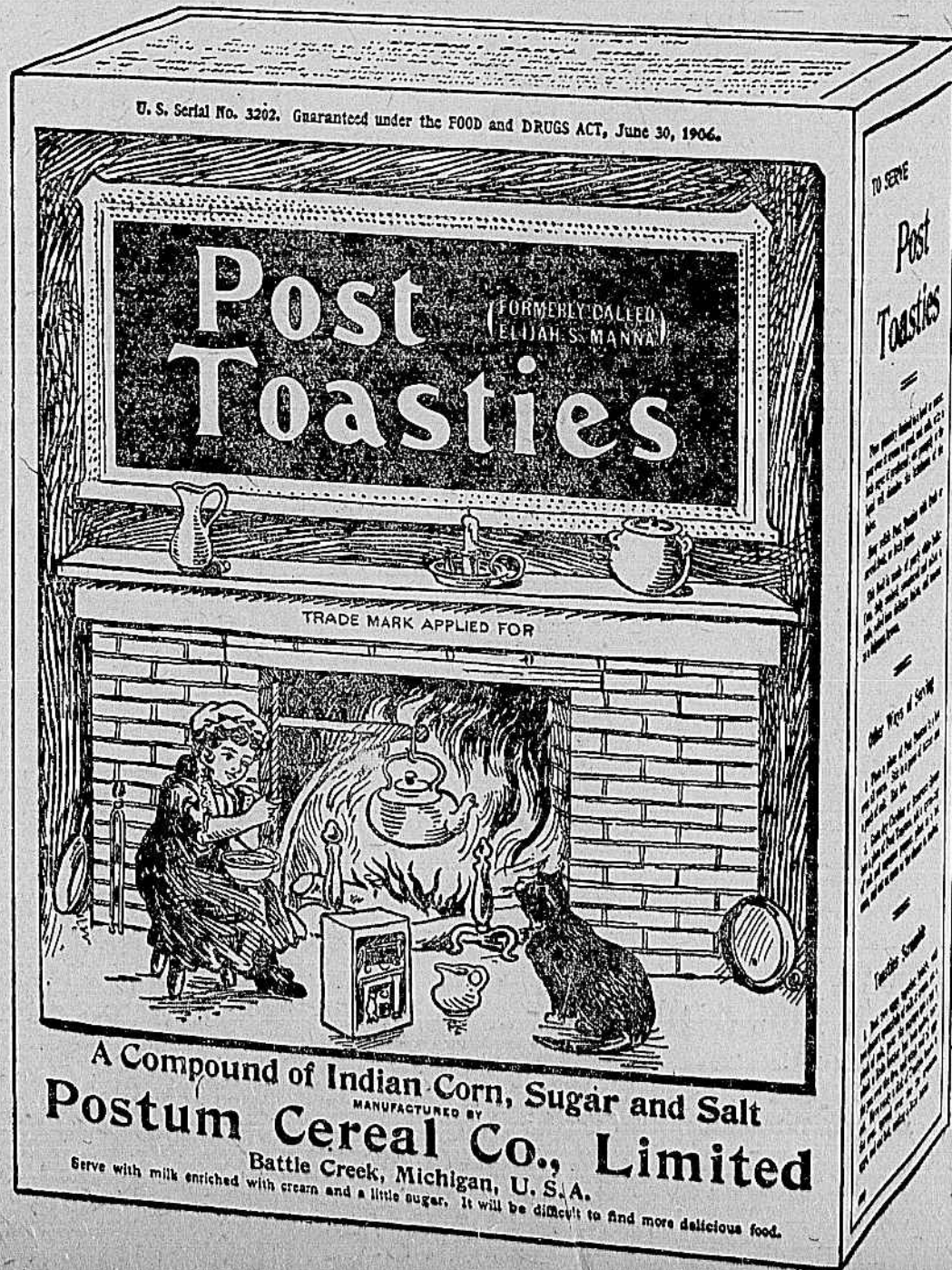
Scotland the Thistle bold.

But the shield of the Great Republic—

The glory of the West—

Shall bear the bloom of The Tasseled Corn;

The Sun's supreme bequest!



The delicious, "toasty" flavour; the crisp, crackling flakes made of White Corn without the touch of human hand, have sent

Post Toasties

'way up in the hearts of the American people.

They are an inspiration to the poet; a delight to the epicure; a breakfast "starter" of appetizing allurements, and altogether the daintiest toasted flakes yet made from Corn!

"The Taste Lingers"

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